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(b) High priority should be given to measures for increasing the food resources of the country and in particular to measures designed to increase the out-put per acre and diminish dependance on the vagaries of nature.

" (f) Please see answer to clauses (a) & (b)."

Sri B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know why no amount has been allotted for the development of Rayalseema districts? "

The Hon. Sri M. BAKTHAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice of that question."

Pay of the Superintendent of the Cash and Current section of the Legislature Secretariat.

* 6 *Q*.—ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB Bahadur: With reference to the answer to supplementary question to starred question No. 421, answered in the Assembly on 26th March 1947 will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the difference in the pay of the Assistant Superintendents mentioned in clause (a) of the answer and the reasons why such decision was arrived at, have been since looked into;

(b) whether it is proposed to equalize the pay of the Superintendent of the Cash and Current Section with those of the Assistant Superintendents, and if so, when; and if not, why not;

(c) why the maximum for this post as revised is lower than the figure before revision; and

(d) whether there is any other post the maximum salary of which has been reduced as a result of revision like this?

The Hon. Sri B. GOPALA REDDI :—" (a) *to* (c) The Government have looked into the matter. The revised scale is based on the recommendations of the Cabinet Salaries Committee which took all relevant factors in coming to its decision, viz., duties, qualifications, etc. The Government do not consider it necessary to equalise the pay of the Superintendent, Cash and Current section, in the Legislature Secretariat with that of Assistant Superintendents in the Secretariat.

" (d) There are a very few cases in which the maximum has been lowered in the recent revision and this is due to the fact that the existing scales were found unsuitable on a consideration of the duties, qualifications, etc. It is not obligatory on the existing incumbents to change over to the revised scales and they will not be adversely affected."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB Bahadur :—" If the scales of pay of superintendents, clerks, typists, attenders and members of the inferior service in the Legislature Secretariat are identical with those of similar posts in the Secretariat, why should

there be any difference between the pay of the Superintendent, Cash and Current section in the Legislature Secretariat, and the Assistant Superintendent in the Secretariat?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" Obviously the difficulty arises because the holder of the post is called a Superintendent."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Are the duties of the Superintendent of the Cash and Current section in any way different from those of the Assistant Superintendent in such sections in other departments of the Secretariat?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know what the difference is?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" The nature of the work differs, and that is easy to see."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" The designation implies that the Superintendent has to do cash and current work and other Superintendents also do the same kind of work. Where is the difference?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" This Superintendent does only cash work. The other Superintendents do noting and other arduous work."

State buses run by the Government in the City of Madras.

* 7 *Q.*—SRI P. VIRABHADRASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of State buses run by the Government in the City of Madras;

(*b*) what is their total cost;

(*c*) the income they are fetching and the expenditure incurred under different heads as (i) salaries of the drivers, conductors and cleaners, (ii) petrol and lubricating oils, (iii) spare parts, and (iv) other miscellaneous expenses, monthwar; and

(*d*) whether the Government propose to put on the roads in the City some more buses to relieve the congestion in the existing buses and trams?

THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS :—" (*a*) Out of 30 buses, 26 are now running in Madras City, 2 are in reserve and 2 will be put on the road shortly.

" (*b*) The cost of the 30 chassis is Rs. 2,30,705–12–0. The actual cost of body building has not yet been definitely settled. The estimated expenditure on the building of bodies was Rs. 1,51,000. Including the additional expenditure for extra fittings, the total expenditure on body building for all the 30 vehicles is estimated at Rs. 2,00,000.